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In response to Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed February 14, 2005, Applicants herein amend claim 22, provisionally elect claims 22 – 38 for prosecution with traverse, and provide the below grounds for withdrawal of Examiner's restriction requirement.

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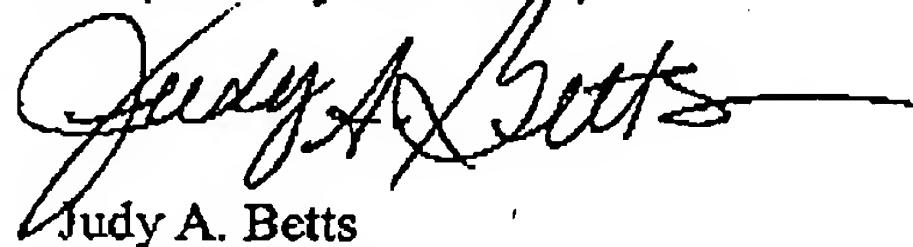
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